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- 1 Read the original topic and the revised topic. Is the revised topic **broader** or **narrower** than the original topic?

Initial Topic: The effect of the travel and tourism industry on pollution in Alaska

Revised Topic: Water pollution in Alaska caused by cruise ships dumping waste

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Broader
☐ Narrower

- 2 Read the original topic and the revised topic. Is the revised topic **broader** or **narrower** than the original topic?

Initial Topic: How have recycling programs in the U.S. been successful in reducing the amount of waste?

Revised Topic: How do recycling programs compare to landfills in reducing the negative impact of waste materials on the environment?

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Broader
☐ Narrower

- 3 Consider the topic below as a possible topic for a three-page research paper. Indicate whether the statement would be a **Good Topic**, a **Topic Too Broad** for this paper, or a **Topic Too Narrow** for this paper.

Explain the immediate outcome of the Electoral College vote in the Presidential election in the United States in 2000.

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Good Topic
☐ Topic Too Broad
☐ Topic Too Narrow

- 4 Consider the topic below as a possible topic for a three-page research paper. Indicate whether the statement would be a **Good Topic**, a **Topic Too Broad** for this paper, or a **Topic Too Narrow** for this paper.

Explain how humans' emotional health impacts their physical health.

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Good Topic
- ☐ Topic Too Broad
- ☐ Topic Too Narrow

- 5** When you research a topic, it is important to know its relationship to other concepts. Which word or phrase represents the **broadest** (most general) subject under which all of the other topics would fit?

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Studying
- ☐ Note taking
- ☐ Strategies for academic success
- ☐ Rewriting your notes
- ☐ Group work
- ☐ Get started early
- ☐ Share contact information

- 6** You have been assigned "The Effects of Global Warming" as a research topic. Which person would be the **least** likely to help you narrow your topic?

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ A science teacher
- ☐ A park ranger
- ☐ A librarian
- ☐ An ecologist

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CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Bullying
- ☐ Weapons
- ☐ Security guards
- ☐ Metal detectors
- ☐ School violence
- ☐ Fist fights
- ☐ gang-related incidents

- 8** When you research a topic, it is important to know its relationship to other concepts.

All of the following concepts are related to stress. Which phrase represents the **narrowest** (most specific) topic?

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Psychological stress
- ☐ Gender differences in stress reactions

- ☐ Strategies for coping with stress
- ☐ Reactions to stress

9 You have to analyze the consequences of the Holocaust. Which key concepts and terms will help you gather information?

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Holocaust, Iron Curtain, Japan
- ☐ Adolph Hitler, Nazi Germany, Holocaust
- ☐ Benito Mussolini, Adolph Hitler, Iron Curtain

10 You are to prepare a speech with the broad topic of "protecting the environment." Which subtopic would **not** support this broad topic?

CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ Purchasing energy efficient products
- ☐ Using fertilizers to grow greener yards
- ☐ Recycling materials
- ☐ Reducing water usage

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